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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comments, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of my constituents in New Mexico's 68th House District and for the benefit of citizens throughout New Mexico, I request that you and your fellow commissioners approve LightSquared's nationwide wireless plan and I urge the Commission to continue working for a solution to the LightSquared/GPS interference issues.

As a State Representative of the New Mexico Legislature that represents a large rural area, I am uniquely aware of the value of investing in broadband infrastructure. LightSquared's wholesale-only network will also enable rural and other smaller carriers without a national footprint to offer 4G roaming services, enabling them to compete more effectively in a wireless market in which users increasingly demand access to nationwide service.

In New Mexico, nearly half of all households, based on a 2008 study, do not have access to broadband technology, and in rural communities, like those I represent, the percentage is even greater. My constituents would be the beneficiary of extended broadband converges. Specifically greater access to broadband would allow the students in my district greater access to knowledge. The best education for 21st century students will be enhanced by access to resources and knowledge well beyond the local library.

As a former public school science teacher, former college professor and current Superintendent of a rural school district the value of increased broadband access will no doubt make its mark on New Mexico's schools. I urge you to consider the variety and scope of opportunities that LightSquared could offer.

The goal of expanded broadband spectrum is too important to squander. I respectfully request you look favorably on the submitted request. As such, I urge you to take expeditious action and consider the many aforementioned factors as you make a final decision. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing about your decision regarding this proposal. New Mexico needs both LightSquared and GPS. Please find a solution.

Sincerely,



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